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July 25, 2016 (

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock DC PCO

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona Director
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

Kristin D. Roser/Ben Holly BH.

Reports Analysis Division

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Reason To Believe Recommendation – 2016 12 Day Pre-Primary

Report (New York) for the Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to timely file the 2016 12 Day Pre-Primary Report for the New York Primary Election in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The 12 Day Pre-Primary Report was due on June 16, 2016 and the Primary Election was held on June 28, 2016.

The committees listed on the attached RTB Circulation Report failed to file the election sensitive report by the required due date. Election sensitive reports filed more than four days prior to the election are considered late, and reports not filed more than four days prior to the election are considered not filed. In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 CFR § 111.43, the committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

# Recommendation

- 1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.
- 2. Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission
Reason to Believe Circulation Report
2016 PRE-PRIMARY Election Sensitive 06/16/2016 AUTH (NY)

| AF#  | AF# Committee  | Committee Name                      | Candidate Name | Treasurer        | Threshold   | ≥ | Threshold PV Receipt Date Days Late | Days Late | LOA       | RTB Penalty |
|------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|      | 0              |                                     |                |                  |             |   |                                     |           |           |             |
| 3087 | C00579599      | 3087 C00579599 SPOTORNO FOR AMERICA | FRANK SPOTORNO | DANIEL<br>MURPHY | \$149,422   | 0 | 6/22/2016                           | 9         | \$19,702  | \$210       |
| 3088 | 3088 C00592519 | YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS            | YUNGMAN F. LEE | GUANG QUAN<br>WU | \$475,418 0 |   | 6/28/2016 Not Filed \$117,355       | Not Filed | \$117,355 | \$5,500     |

### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of                         | ) |          |
|--|---|----------|
| Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2016  | ) |          |
| 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (New York) for | ) |          |
| the Administrative Fine Program:         | ) |          |
| SPOTORNO FOR AMERICA, and                | ) | AF# 3087 |
| MURPHY, DANIEL as treasurer;             | ) |          |
| YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS, and            | ) | AF# 3088 |
| GUANG QUAN WU as treasurer;              | ) |          |

### CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on July 26, 2016 the Commission took the

following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2016 12 Day Pre
Primary Report (New York) for the Administrative Fine Program as recommended in
the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated July 25, 2016, on the following
committees:

AF#3087 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that SPOTORNO FOR AMERICA, and MURPHY, DANIEL in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3088 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS, and GUANG QUAN WU in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money

affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted

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Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 27, 2016

-Daniel Murphy, in official capacity as Treasurer Spotorno for America 21 Hilltop Drive Mahopac, NY 10541

C00579599 AF#: 3087

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file a 12 Day Pre-Primary Report of Receipts and Disbursements in any calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election for which the candidate is seeking election, or nomination for election. This report, covering the period April 1, 2016 through June 8, 2016 shall be filed no later than June 16, 2016. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was filed on June 22, 2016, six (6) days late.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). 52 U.S.C. § 30109g(a)(4). On July 26, 2016, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Spotorno for America and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before June 16, 2016. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$210. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$210 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by September 4, 2016, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$19,702 Number of Days Late: 6

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

### 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must include the AF# (found at the top of page 1)

under your committee's identification number) and be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or September 4, 2016. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

# 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Spotorno for America and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

### 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

### **NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS**

### 4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

### 5. Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2). Unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public, it will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Matthew S. Petersen

Chair

# ADMINISTRATIVE FINE REMITTANCE & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$210 for the 2016 Pre-Primary Report.

You may remit payment by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form.

This penalty may also be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please send to:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox FEC #979058 1005 Convention Plaza Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL St. Louis, MO 63101

### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

# PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Spotorno for America

FEC ID#: C00579599

AF#: 3087

PAYMENT DUE DATE: September 4, 2016

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$210



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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**SENSITIVE** 

November 14, 2016

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock PCO

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona for PCD

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

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BY:

Kristin D. Roser/Ben Holly BH

Reports Analysis Division

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Administrative Fine Program - Final Determination Recommendation for the

2016 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (New York)

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2016 12 Day Pre-Primary Report. The committees have paid the civil money penalties requested at RTB.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to the respondents that have paid the civil money penalties.

### **RAD Recommendation**

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.
- (2) Send the appropriate letters.

# Federal Election Commission FD Circulation Report Fine Paid 2016 PRE-PRIMARY Election Sensitive 06/16/2016 AUTH (NY)

|       | Committee Name | Candidate Name Co            | Committee   | Treasurer                                    | Receipt Date Days Late LOA PV RTB Date RTB Penalty Final Money Date Paid Amount Penalty | Days Late | FOA       | 2 | RTB Date   | RTB Penalty | Final Money<br>Penalty | Date Paid                  | Amount<br>Paid |
|-------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------|--|---|-----------|-----------|---|------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| POTOR | NO FOR AMERICA | O FOR AMERICA FRANK SPOTORNO | C00579599   | DANIEL MURPHY 06/22/2016                     | 06/22/2016  | 9         | \$19,702  | 0 | 07/26/2016 | \$210       | ll                     | 08/16/2016                 | \$210          |
| N C   | SMAN LEE FOR   | YUNGMAN F. LEE               | E C00592519 | GUANG QUAN WU 06/28/2016 Not Filed \$313,131 | 06/28/2016  | Not Filed | \$313,131 | 0 | 07/26/2016 | \$5,500     | \$5,500                | \$5,500 09/19/2016 \$5,500 | \$5,500        |

### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

| In the Matter of                     | ) |          |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------|
| ·                                    | ) |          |
| Administrative Fine Program – Final  | ) |          |
| Determination Recommendation for the | ) |          |
| 2016 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (NY): | Ś |          |
| SPOTORNO FOR AMERICA, and            | Ś | AF# 3087 |
| MURPHY, DANIEL as treasurer;         | Ś |          |
| YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS, and        | Ś | AF# 3088 |
| GUANG QUAN WU as treasurer;          | Ś |          |

# **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shelley E. Garr, Deputy Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on November 15, 2016 the Commission took the following actions on the Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination Recommendation for the 2016 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (NY) as recommended in the Reports Analysis Division's Memorandum dated November 14, 2016, on the following committees:

AF#3087 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that SPOTORNO FOR AMERICA, and MURPHY, DANIEL in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3088 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that YUNGMAN LEE FOR CONGRESS, and GUANG QUAN WU in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Nowher 16, 2016
Date

Shelley E. Garf

Deputy Secretary of the Commission



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 16, 2016

Daniel Murphy, in official capacity as Treasurer Spotorno for America
21 Hilltop Drive
Mahopac, NY 10541

C00579599 AF#: 3087

Dear Mr. Murphy:

On July 26, 2016, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Spotorno for America and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2016 Pre-Primary Report. By letter dated July 27, 2016, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage totaling \$210 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43.

On August 16, 2016, the FEC received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The FEC made a final determination on November 15, 2016 that Spotorno for America and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$210 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43, and voted to close the file.

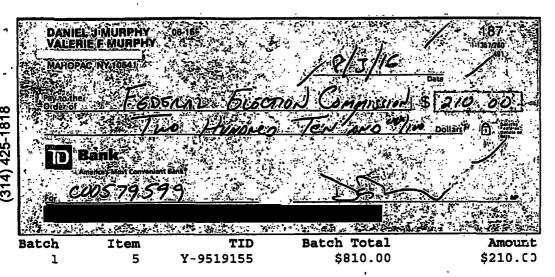
The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ben Holly on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

Matthew S. Petersen

Chair



THIS IS THE END OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # 3087